

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **ART THERAPIST**

#### **I. STATEMENT**

The Professional Art Therapist will work in different settings within The Lake County Juvenile Court, Education Services and The Detention Center. He/She is responsible for using the creative process of art making to improve and enhance the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of the youth.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

##### **A. Education:**

1. Minimum of Master of Art in Art Therapy Degree,

With, one or both levels, from The Art Therapy Credentials Board

a.) Registered Art Therapist (ATR)

b.) Board Certified-Registered Art Therapist (ART-BC).

OR

2. A Master of Art in Art Therapy (ATR-BC) and Counseling Degree with Licensure (L.P.C.), preferred.

##### **B. Personal Qualities:**

1. Motivation and ability to work with high-risk youth and their families.
2. Understanding and application of healing properties and within the creative process in art making.
3. Knowledge of developmental-trauma, gender and culturally responsive theories.
4. Knowledge of family dynamics and other related issues with high-risk youth.
5. Excellent verbal/written communication skills.
6. Ability to get along with other staff, supervisors, the public and function as part of a multidisciplinary team of professionals.
7. Valid driver license.

## **II. JOB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Develop a professional positive rapport with youth which will provide a safe and therapeutic environment.
- B. Maintain a safe and secure art therapy space and materials to ensure safety and security.
- C. Plan, design, and facilitate a schedule of art therapy activities/interventions for individual youths and groups in a therapeutic setting.
- D. Confer with the multidisciplinary team on the progress of youth's treatment goals related to art therapy interventions.
- E. The art therapist is expected to conduct him/herself in a professional manner at all times whenever he/she is acting as a representative of the Court including in the community.
- F. Keep accurate records and up-to-date records on youth in accordance to Court policy and Ethical Principles for Art Therapists. He/she will manage a monetary budget of art materials and supplies and include keeping inventory of all art materials and supplies.

## **III. COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

- A. Willing to give Court presentations as well as in the community. In addition, collaborate with various civic groups, schools, other mental health agencies, etc., on various aspects of the Art Therapy Programming at Lake County Juvenile Court and Detention Center.

## **IV. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- A. Keeping up to date with continuing professional development in the field of Art Therapy, Professional Counseling and Juvenile Justice/Corrections. This can be completed by attending seminars, lectures, workshops, and/or reading the professional literature in the respected fields.